

# Callander *charrette*



Callander Charrette  
Final Report - Appendices





This document is the Appendix to the Callander Charrette Final Report and presents a comprehensive overview of all the work, information, planning and publicity pre-Charrette as well as all the actual Charrette actions and outputs. This included a detailed record of youth liaison workshops, public workshops, technical sessions and public presentations.

The Callander Charrette, a design led workshop involving the local community and agencies of Callander, was held in the town over five days in November 2011. The Charrette was one of the Scottish Government's Charrette Mainstreaming Programme projects facilitated by the Scottish Sustainable Communities Initiative.



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Capital  
Of the Park

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Appendix A **A**  
The Callander Charrette Brief

# Callander Invitation to Tender Brief Extract

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## What a Charrette would do for Callander

A once vibrant tourist destination, Callander aims to once again become an innovative, sustainable town which is a pleasure to live in and visit. To achieve this, the community proposes to:

1. Review the issues facing Callander
2. Explore options and alternatives for the main issues
3. Draft recommendations and actions on these issues
4. Establish a Masterplan framework and associated guidelines for the town and community
5. Establish a baseline for future local community development, local government policy and service delivery

A Charrette would bring together the community and stakeholders to review the key items in delivering a comprehensive framework for Callander. A framework that is broader than planning, that will assist in the delivery of existing projects, initiatives and proposals. It would build on work undertaken in the past in preparation of the National Park Plan and the emerging Local Plan and ensure that the focus is on delivery of the ambitions of Callander.

SSCI Charrette Mainstreaming Programme

## Callander



Application by the Callander Community Council on behalf of the Callander Partnership.

May 2011



## Callander Charrette Purpose Statement

"We are running the Callander Charrette to bring together local residents of all ages, business people, interest groups and the statutory bodies working here to share their aspirations for the town, to create a shared vision for the future of Callander and a delivery plan and masterplan to help deliver the vision.

The vision, delivery plan and masterplan will enhance and harness the potential of Callander and form a road map for the Town's future. We recognise the unique heritage and location of the town within the National Park. We want to make Callander a place people want to live, work and visit, now and in the future.

This will require us to think about what sort of place we want Callander to be, the challenges the town faces, to discuss some challenging and sometimes conflicting questions, and agree objectives for the future - in 5, 15, and 40 years time."



The Callander Charrette  
Inception Meeting



# The Callander Charrette Inception Meeting Document and Charrette Timetable

This document presented the agenda, draft timetable and collated supporting information, for the Callander Charrette Inception Meeting, held at the National Park offices, Callander, at 11.30am on Friday 21 October 2011.

Please see extract.



## 8 Callander Charrette

Draft publicity plan pre and during charrette  
For discussion at inception meeting 21-20-11

- o Agree dates and streams
- o Allocate responsibilities
- o Media during the charrette events
- o Facebook to reach young - ownership of page?

24 Callander Charrette Inception Meeting

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Activities	Consultant team involved	Project team / stakeholders involved	
28 Calendar Charrette Inspiration Meeting	SSCI Charrette Mainstreaming Initiative Callender Tender Response						
	1:30pm - 5:30pm <b>Saturday: Visioning</b>	Charrette studio set up	am	Studio		Ewan Anderson lead	
		Charrette workshop set up	am	Workshop	Set up for opening presentation and workshop. Put up results of pre charrette community exercise	Lynne Caeney lead	Assistance requested for setting up if fitting or moving furniture is required
		Youth are Callender's Future!	10am - 12noon	Bridged	Drop in workshop - we hope to have young people's inputs to the pre charrette exercise to start the workshop off. Use the formal session to solicit more views and ideas, and to try to entice them to other workshops during the charrette and give them confidence and interest to attend.	Leanne McMillan	Youth project workers would be helpful. Specific issues and outreach to encourage younger people to come.
		Assistant's briefing	12:30pm	TBC	Briefing assistants from NPA, SS and SC and any CP volunteers	Lynne Caeney	All interested stakeholders and community members. Open Session.
		Opening PUBLIC Workshop	1:30pm	Workshop	Workshop start to charrette on arrival "Charrette Lullaby" Wall Viewing of materials received pre charrette and hot drinks	Laura Birrell, Chris Gray	All interested stakeholders and community members. Open Session.
			2pm		Formal welcome and introductions, programme outline	Lynne Caeney, Ewan Anderson	Callender Partnership representative to open the event.
			2:20pm		Ground rules and bike race		
					Experts panel - 30 minutes each What are your worries about? Tourism and cultural heritage Economics and retailing	Ewan Anderson Paul Jardine Nick Skelton	Any interested member of the community
					A developer's perspective - who do developers invest and how does the community work with them to ensure community benefit? (at residents level)		
			3pm		Question session	Lynne Caeney facilitates, scribe needed	
			3:25 pm		Pick up refreshments and reset to table groups	Lynne Caeney to set up, facilitators on tables	
					The Good, The Bad and The Ugly: the challenges Callender faces (reading and discussing 3, 2 and 4 of Callender Partnership brief), and "What are your worries about?"	Facilitators	
			Visioning exercise - see our youth, their kids (2013/2030/2050) to build a stakeholder endorsed vision	Lynne Caeney to set up, facilitators on tables			
			Pin up results and discuss	Reporter from each table Lynne Caeney and Ewan Anderson conduct walk through	All None		
	5pm	6:45pm	Design team working time		All	None	
	5pm		Team building and social event	Callender	Driver with key stakeholders and clients	All Callender Partnership to suggest	
Charrette Event Draft Timetable							

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Activities	Consultant team involved	Project team / stakeholders involved	
29 <b>Sunday: Objectives</b>	SSCI Charrette Mainstreaming Initiative Callender Tender Response						
	20th Nov	Studio time	9:15am	Studio	Collating materials from previous day and prepare day's events	All	None
		Client briefing	10:30 - 11am	Studio	Key stakeholder representatives update	Ewan Anderson and Lynne Caeney	Representatives of Callender Partnership
		PUBLIC workshop 2 Testing objectives	11am	Workshop	Quick recap on Saturday progress (also visually on Charrette Latest Wall)	Ewan Anderson	All stakeholders
				Workshop exercise: Setting objectives (and probably measured for the lifetime of the project, which will be used to help assess options as they come forward. This also creates a tool for the Callender Partnership and other key stakeholders to shape and assess future proposals after the charrette.	Lynne Caeney to set up, facilitators on tables	All stakeholders - intended audience is all who live or work in the town and its environs	
		Refuelling team	1pm		Break for Lunch	All	If the Callender Partnership would like to provide lunch for participants that would be fine
		Tackling the challenge: topic focused workshops	1:45pm	Workshop	Making Money - employment, young people, tourism and the big ticket, education and life long learning. Issues generation and exploration session.	Nick Skelton lead, Paul Jardine, Lynne Caeney, Chris Gray and Leanne McMillan	Stakeholders with an economic interest
			2:50pm	Workshop	Better Built Environment - built assets, preservation of built heritage, community facilities, public realm improvements. Issues generation and exploration session.	Ewan Anderson, John Sanders, Paul Jardine and Chris Gray	Stakeholders with a built environment interest
			3:55pm	Workshop	Where would it work? Discussion on possible locations of housing growth, retail, tourism infrastructure (topic discussion on technical parameters for area tomorrow morning)	Ewan Anderson lead, Leanne McMillan and Chris Gray	Stakeholders with a spatial interest.
		Studio time	5pm - when finished	Studio	Consolidating day's activities, preparing for technical and stakeholder meetings on Monday	All	None
Charrette Event Draft Timetable							

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Activities	Consultant team involved	Project team / stakeholders involved	
30 <b>Wednesday: Embark</b>	SSCI Charrette Mainstreaming Initiative Callender Tender Response						
	31st Nov	Client briefing	9am - 9:45am	Studio	Review of Tuesday's session and planning for the final day	Ewan Anderson and Lynne Caeney	Client team
		Action plan and community management - further discussions and sign ups for lead roles	2pm - 5pm (may be fluid)	Workshop	Community action plan advice following Monday's meeting and given the draft final outcomes of the charrette, and planning CP input for this evening's workshop	Lynne Caeney, Laura Birrell and Ewan Anderson	Project team plus other key stakeholder's identified
		Studio time	9:45 - 6pm	Studio	Production - vision and objectives, spatial representation of vision, summary of asset optimisation plan, for evening presentation, introduction to Community Action Plan	All	It would be helpful if authors of Community Action Plan could prepare a short presentation - 15 minutes - on how the work from the charrette will be taken forward.
		Final presentation preparation	9-6pm	Studio and Workshop	Prepare drawings, formal AP presentation, charrette process 'audit trail', and set up room 'theatre style'	All	None
		Dinner	about 6pm	Studio	Ed	All	None
		PUBLIC final presentation	7pm	Workshop	Welcome Design team presentation What we have done this week - a report on the charrette process and reminder of how it has worked Presentation of vision Presentation of spatial representation of vision and the low / medium / high cost paths How this sits against the objectives set on Sunday Brief summary of asset consolidation and recovery strategy Assuring stakeholders are happy to make public at this point	Ewan Anderson, Lynne Caeney	Open public session for all stakeholder
		Call back	8:15pm				
		Action Plan presentation	8:30pm			We can support Callender Partnership if required	
		Handover - Community asked for support and endorsement	8:45pm			Lynne Caeney and Ewan Anderson with key client team representatives	
	Formal close	9pm			All		
Charrette Event Draft Timetable							

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Activities	Consultant team involved	Project team / stakeholders involved	
31 <b>Monday: Technical</b>	SSCI Charrette Mainstreaming Initiative Callender Tender Response						
	1st Dec	Client briefing	9:30 - 10am	Studio	Lesson on progress and the day's plans	Ewan Anderson, Lynne Caeney, Laura Birrell	Key clients
		Technical session 1	10 - 11:15 am	Meeting room	Renewable and low carbon energy - making it work for communities	Colin Sinclair with Laura Birrell	Environmental Groups
		Technical session 2	11:15 - 12:30pm	Meeting room	Transportation - constraints, technical requirements, analysis of ideas brought forward in Sunday workshops	Ewan Anderson with Lauren Shemady	Transport for Scotland, National Park, Stirling Council, other stakeholders with a technical or commercial interest in transportation issues
		Technical session 3	12:30 - 1:45pm	Meeting room	Flooding - constraints, technical requirements and future proofing	Chris Gray with Joanna Orr	SEPA, SNH, Scottish Water
		Landowners	10am - 2pm	National Parks office	Scheduled private discussions - appointments arranged with each during preparation	Nick Skelton with Leanne McMillan	By invitation meetings with landowners
		Community development models	10am - 12noon	Workshop	Managing complex community projects - models, structures and roles, business plans, the doo and the gerts.	Paul Jardine with Lynne Caeney	Key community group, stakeholders - especially Callender Partnership, plus NPA, Stirling Council, and Stirling College
		Studio time	2pm - when finished	Studio	Team meeting Writing up and consolidating findings Begin Assets Optimisation Strategy Begin spatial optimisation Begin Community Action Plan advice	Ewan Anderson, Chris Gray, Paul Nick Skelton, Lynne Caeney, Joanna Orr, Leanne McMillan, Lauren	None
Charrette Event Draft Timetable							

Date	Event	Timing	Location	Activities	Consultant team involved	Project team / stakeholders involved	
2 <b>Tuesday: Alternatives</b>	2:58 Nov	Studio time	9am - 1pm	Studio	Consolidation and further development	Ewan Anderson, Chris Gray, Lynne Caeney, Joanna Orr, Leanne McMillan, Lauren Shemady	Key stakeholders available for consultation by phone or email would be very helpful
		Key stakeholder briefing	1-2pm	Studio	Update on findings and discussion of proposed materials for evening presentation		Project team core group, Scottish Government
		Studio time	2-6pm	Studio	Production - materials for evening presentation	Ewan Anderson, Chris Gray, Lynne Caeney, Leanne McMillan	None
		Prepare evening group and set	6-7pm	Workshop	Set up materials Update Charrette Latest Wall		
		PUBLIC WORKSHOP	7-9pm	Workshop	Exhibition and pin-up of alternative options Verbal explanation and tour through the wallboard	Ewan Anderson	Open public session for all stakeholders
		Wrap up	9-10pm	Workshop / studio	Testing and indicative thoughts exercise - green dots, blue dots, grey - naming objectives developed on call today to last, also discuss non verbal perspectives on the options Design team available for discussion / bike rack Review of session and capture of key points	Lynne Caeney and facilitators All	None
Charrette Event Draft Timetable							



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# What is a Charrette?

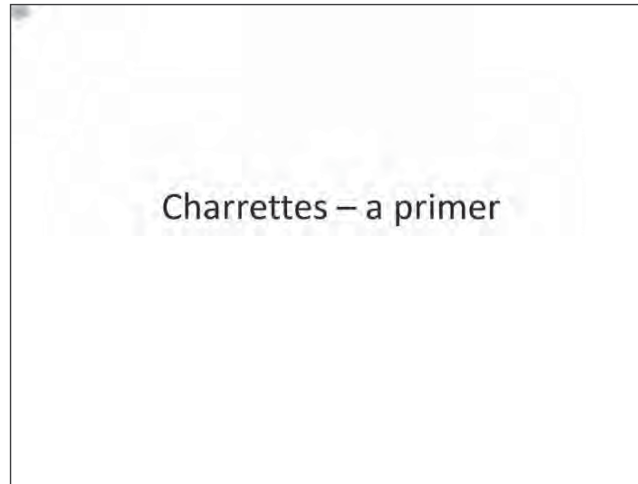
It was key that everyone on the client team and those involved in local agency and statutory stakeholder groups knew what a Charrette was. The presentation illustrated opposite was delivered at the Inception Meeting and at a Key Stakeholder Meeting, that had attendance from the following:

- Central Scotland Police
- Forestry Commission
- Forth Valley
- NHS
- RSHA
- Historic Scotland
- SEPA
- SNH
- Transport Scotland

as well as local community groups.

The key message was that the Charrette process is an open and collaborative process involving all of these organisations as well as the community, and their involvement was essential to a successful outcome.


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### Historical evolution

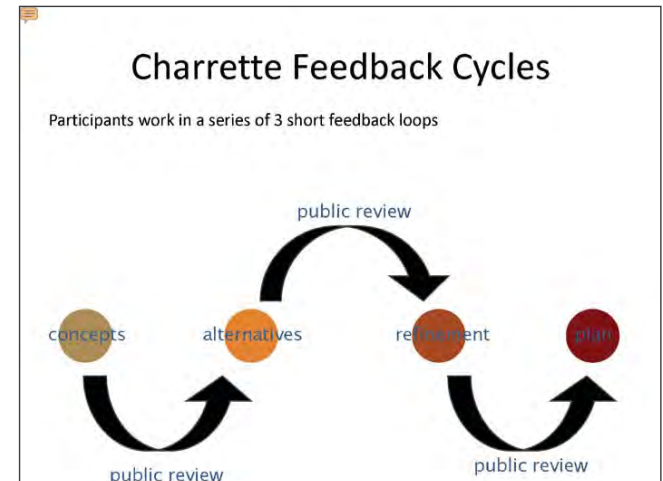
Charrettes have developed as a collaborative planning, design and policy development tool

The term "charrette" is derived from the French word for "little cart." In Paris during the 19th century, professors at the Ecole de Beaux Arts circulated with little carts to collect final drawings from their students. Students would jump on the "charrette" to put finishing touches on their presentation minutes before the deadline.

A black and white historical illustration showing a group of people gathered around a small, two-wheeled cart (the charrette) in a street setting. Some people are standing on the cart, while others are on the ground, appearing to be in a hurry or engaged in a collaborative activity.

### Dealing with different perspectives

- Issues from any sector are aired, explored and tested – "live"
- Parallel, not serial, engagement – those contributing hear multiple perspectives
- All inputs are recorded, how they are processed is auditable – understand why, and why not.
- Perspectives are actively sought, not reactively received
- The charrette attendees shape the outcomes, the design team offer professional advice but do not decide

A collage of images including a photograph of people in a meeting, a map, and various documents or posters, illustrating the practical application of the charrette process.



### What do people need to be able to collaborate?

Information  
Knowledge  
Opportunity  
Confidence



- It's opposite Canary Wharf, local community worried they would be priced out and split up.
- Keen to preserve their sense of place
- 54 separate freeholds (more or less), all pursuing separate development schemes
- Really want new employment opportunities, but not to get rid of cheap premises or lower skilled jobs
- 10 minutes walk from Greenwich town centre world heritage site - visitor number in excess of 6m per year – but do not get spill off from this.
- A fear of being "done to" by development proposals rather than planning being "done with" the communities.

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### Roles in the charrette:

- We are one team, each with different important roles.
- Callander Partnership provides the legitimacy – they asked for a charrette here.
- Scottish Govt provides assurance that the Callander project is taken seriously – they have funded the work
- BRE Consortia is impartial – here to manage and run the process and help the whole community get the best outcome
- Callander Partnership is the host of the process, working with the BRE Consortia to get people involved and make them welcome
- Individuals, particularly locals, in the Callander Partnership need to participate fully – you have personal as well as institutional views, and knowledge and information to put in.
- BRE Consortia leads on priming the local community so non experts can participate effectively
- BRE Consortia provides the technical knowledge to help shape decisions by the community during the charrette
- Callander Partnership will formally receive the charrette products at the end of the process

### A common team purpose for the Callander Charrette:

"We are running the Callander charrette to bring together local residents of all ages, business people, interest groups and the statutory bodies working here to share their aspirations for the town, to create a shared vision for the future of Callander and an action plan and masterplan to help deliver the vision.

The vision, action plan and masterplan will enhance and harness the potential of Callander's assets, and form a road map for the Town's future development. Our purpose is to safeguard and improve the well being of the town and all of its people in the short, medium and long term.

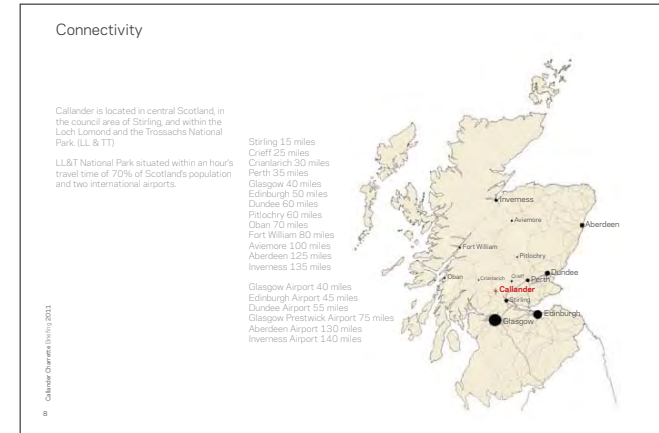
This will require us to think about what sort of place we want Callander to be, the challenges the town faces, to discuss some challenging and sometimes conflicting questions, and agree objectives for the future – in 5, 15, and 30 years time."

### Working together for a great Callander Charrette, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011



# The Callander Charrette Non-Technical Briefing Document

This report was a briefing document for everyone taking part in the Callander Charrette. It presented a non-technical overview of Callander as it is today (at the time of writing) based on existing background information that has been supplied by the Callander Partnership. It was circulated in advance of the Charrette in order that everyone taking part would have a common awareness and understanding of the context within which the key issues facing Callander were set.



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### Key Documents for Further Information

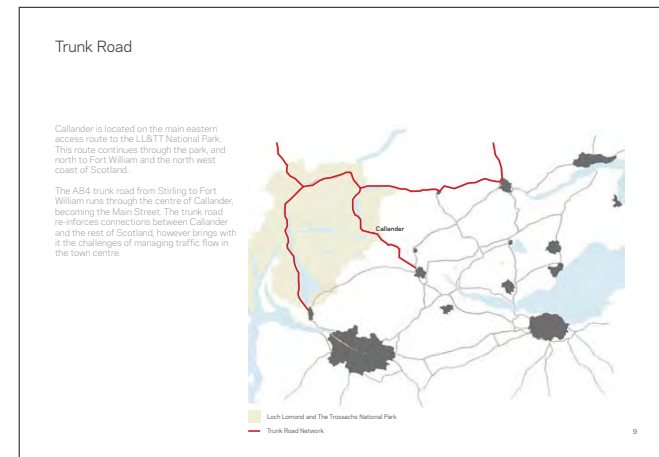
This document is not a comprehensive or technical analysis of Callander. It is an overview of Callander, as it is today.

It addresses, in brief, some of the many issues that are important to Callander and provides everyone with a snapshot of the town in 2011, and a brief overall understanding of the opportunities and challenges it faces.

In preparing this document, many of the documents adjacent were consulted, and as most are publicly available, they are a resource of information if you want to know more.

<b>Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Transport Feasibility Study - LL &amp; TT National Park</li> </ul>	<b>Housing</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft SPG Guidance on Affordable Housing</li> </ul>
<b>Flooding</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Flood Risk Assessment for Callander, Aug 2010 - LL, BTT National Park</li> </ul>	<b>Character &amp; Heritage</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Callander Conservation Area Appraisal</li> <li>Callander Historic Sites Appraisal</li> <li>LL &amp; TT National Park Landscape Character Assessment</li> </ul>
<b>Community</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Action Plan 2008 - 2011</li> </ul>	<b>Economy</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Framework and Action Plan for Sustainable Tourism</li> </ul>
<b>Statutory Planning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LL &amp; TT National Park Local Plan in the form intended for adoption Oct 2011</li> </ul>	<b>Youth &amp; Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Callander Youth Project</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Sustainable Future for Callander</li> <li>Open Space and Green Space Strategy</li> <li>National Park Biodiversity Plan</li> <li>Draft SPG Guidance on Renewable Energy</li> <li>Draft SPG Guidance - Sustainable Design</li> </ul>	

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## Surrounding Landscape

### East Callander

The eastern approach is the most contained with mixed land uses including forestry, agriculture, recreation and small scale rural businesses. The woodland limits views into or out of the settlement and contains key views of Ben Ledz and the rising backdrop of Callander Craigs. Planting is very close to the road on the approach to Callander and creates a feeling of enclosure.



The Clackmannanshire and Stirling Structure Plan identifies a large area west of Callander as part of a wider Area of Great Landscape Value.

### West Callander

The immediate western approach is dominated by the parkland and policy woodlands of Leny House designed landscape. The open nature of the views, allows the visitor to understand the landscape setting of the town as they glimpse the rising land of the ridges to the north and the flowing river and floodplain to the south.

### South Callander

The southern approach is the most visually open with views up from the Carse via rolling farmland and forested plantations on the moorland hills, then over into the Teith river valley farmland landscape with the linear settlement situated beneath the crags and HBFZ.

Leny House Designed Landscape

## Historic Development

### 18th Century

- Design for a planned settlement was commissioned in the 1730s by James Drummond, Duke of Perth. His support of the 1745 Jacobite Rising results in his land being confiscated, but the Commissioners of the Forth Estates continue to favor the plan.
- Callander in its key location north of the river had linear plan with a great street running through a square, designed to funnel communication and trade, but also used to bring order, security and control to the surrounding area, enforced by a military presence.
- A bridge was first constructed in 1764 and Callander Square was built in the 1770s to house army personnel and the re-localized Kirk.
- By the end of the 18th century the town's population was over 1000, stimulated first by weaving, then by tourism.



OS c.1867

### 19th Century

- The increasing popularity of wild and romantic scenery and improvements in roads and transport brought an increase in adventurous visitors to local attractions. The 1810 publication of Walter Scott's 'The Lady of the Lake, and in the Trossachs' promoted the area to a wider market resulting in Callander emerging as a Victorian tourist destination.
- To the south of the river a small linear suburb grew as Bridgend, but the planned town remained intact.
- More services were required for the visitors arriving by daily coach from 1835 and by train from 1858. Hotels were built including the Eagle, Temperance Hotel, the Ancaster Arms Hotel, and the Quadrant Hotel. New churches, banks, inns, railway buildings and structures, a school, and a police station all followed.
- The arrival of the railway in the 1850s. New detached villa developments began to spring up on the outskirts, for a new type of middle class visitor the 'country folk' who packed on their whole city households, including servants, and moved to Callander for the summer season.



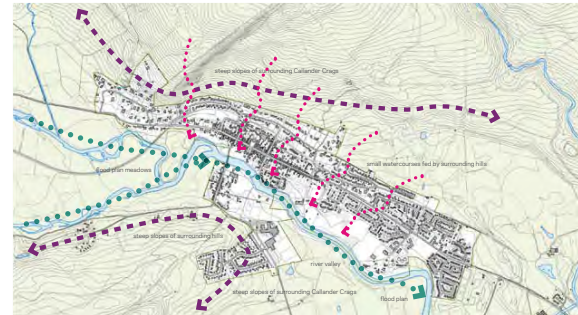
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### 20th Century

- In the 20th and 21st centuries the town continued to grow, mainly to the west, but also in previously undeveloped areas of Tulip Crescent, Ancaster Road, and the backlands of Main Street. There is a separate housing development to the west of the High School and leisure centre at Millbank.

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## Topography



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## Ancient woodland Semi-natural woodland



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## Natural Context



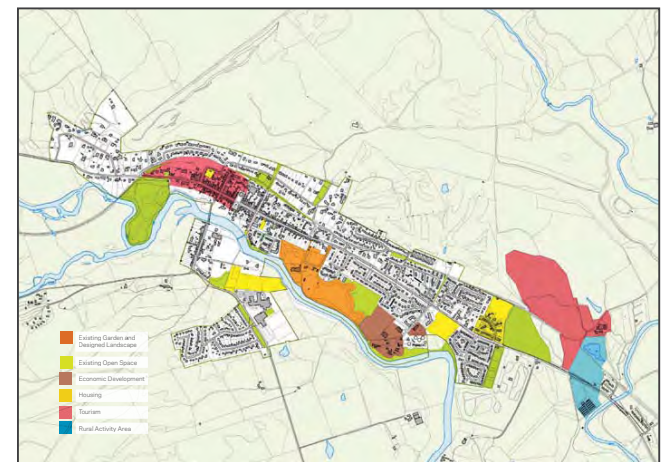
The topography of Callander and the surrounding area is primarily shaped by its proximity to the Highland Boundary Fault (HBFZ) and the effects of ice and river erosion that formed the river valley.

The dominant local landscape character is of farmed strath and glen floor, with some areas of forested strath and glen floor to the east of the settlement. The town is framed to the north by the HBFZ, a transitional landscape of parallel ridges including Callander Craigs and Brocklins falls. This forms a dramatic wooded backdrop to the key approaches to and from the town (particularly from the west and south), framing views of the settlement, and is a distinctive feature in the wider setting.



The main thoroughfare, the A84 (Stirling Road, Main Street and Leny Road), runs on a very gradual slope from south-east to north-west, parallel to the River Teith. The streets running north north-east and north-west from the A84 rise steeply and are cut into slopes of the river valley. The areas to the south, south-east and south-west of the town lie in the flat flood plains.

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Community Engagement and PR

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# Community Engagement and PR

The Callander Partnership, with the help of the Charrette team raised awareness of the Charrette through the use of public notices, distribution of questionnaires, mentions on established websites and through social media such as Facebook and Twitter. The following illustrations show some of the leaflets and questionnaires that were distributed.

## » Callander charrette

Saturday 19th to Wednesday  
23rd November 2011

### Have Your Say in Callander's Future!

Share ideas and make them happen

#### How?

Fill in a questionnaire, available from the National Park office on the Main Street, as well as in many other locations around town.

E-mail us at [callandercharrette@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:callandercharrette@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

Add your comments on Facebook @ InCallander

**Most importantly, come along to a series of public workshops at the Bridgend Youth Hub (Bridgend Hotel) from Saturday 19th - Wednesday 23rd Nov.**

Use this unique opportunity to be part of shaping the future of Callander!

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Partnership



# Callander charrette

YOUth are Callander's future!



Many of the young people living in Callander today will be the people who live and work here in 5, 15, and 40 years time, so decisions made about Callander today are actually about YOUR future!

Later in November, people in Callander will be getting together to think about the Town's future at the Callander Charrette.

A charrette is an interesting and fun event that runs for a few days, where lots of people who live and work in a place talk, draw and work together to make a plan for the future, using experts to help them.

We know many people think Callander is a great town to live in and to visit, and we want to protect the good things whilst making it even better by sorting out things people think aren't so great. So, ahead of the Charrette we would like to find out more about what young people think Callander could or should be like in 5 years (2016) 15years (2026) and 40 years (2051).



How old will you be?

What will the town be like? What will be better about it? What should we have fixed? What would make it a worse place to live?

What will you do with your spare time? Where will your children, or your friends children meet their friends?

What sort of food might you eat? How will you get it?

Do you think you will still live here, or have come back to live here? If not, why not?

In 5, 15 and 40 years time...

Where do you think Callander's energy will come from? How will you get around?

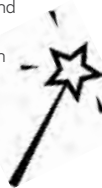
Where will you or your family work? What do you think you might do?

Who will want to come visit the town and what do you think they will want to see and do?

If you are thinking about this with classmates or friends, perhaps you might make a timeline, and show us what you think different parts of life in Callander will be like over the next forty years. Or you might like to make a picture, cartoon or a collage about 2016, 2026 or 2051 - or even write a short story about a person's life in Callander in one of those years.

We will display many of the pictures, stories and timelines at the Callander Charrette so that older people can see what younger people would like and would not like for their future.

We are also running a special charrette event for young people at Bridgend Youth Hub (the former Bridgend Hotel) on Saturday 19th November from 10am - 12noon. Come along and tell us what you think - because YOUth are Callander's future!



# Callander charrette

Bridgend Youth Hub  
Public Events at (Bridgend Hotel)

Saturday  
19th Nov

10am -  
12noon

**YOUth ARE THE FUTURE OF CALLANDER!** Workshop for young people.

Young people are invited to come and shape their ideas about Callander's future in a fun and interesting workshop. Whilst we have arranged this special workshop for young people, the other public workshops are also open to any young people who would like to attend.

1.30 - 2pm Exhibition - Callander past, present - and future?

**CREATING A VISION FOR CALLANDER**

Welcome  
Dick Johnson - Callander Community Council, hosts and initiators of the Charrette  
Aileen Campbell - Minister for Local Government and Planning, Scottish Government, Charrette sponsor

Includes - An introduction to Callander - Snapshot of Callander 2011  
A little technical background - Ask our experts!  
What challenges do the Community see for Callander?  
Creating a community vision for Callander - 2016, 2026 and 2050

Sunday  
20th Nov

11am -  
1pm

View the Charrette Latest! Wall, and a catch up on the Community Vision

**WILL IT BE GOOD FOR CALLANDER?**

How would you decide whether projects in Callander would be good for the town or where they might need improvement? This workshop will create a tool the community can use to explore and assess proposals for the town both at the Charrette and in the future.

**IDEAS AND EXPLORATION WORKSHOPS - Come to any workshop that interests you.** These will generate community ideas to shape the future of:

1.45 - 2.45 The economics of Callander - employment, education, tourism...  
2.50 - 3.50 Callander's built environment - heritage, assets, public areas ...  
3.55 - 4.55 The shape of Callander - where we can locate things to benefit Callander most

Tuesday  
22nd Nov

7pm -  
9pm

Monday 21st November 4pm - 7pm Drop in to the Studio, see what the Design Team are up to and check out the Charrette Latest! Wall

**ALTERNATIVES WORKSHOP**

The design team will take you through the alternatives they have created based on the weekend's workshops. This is your chance to talk to the design team and other community members, identify the ideas you like and those where you have reservations. This workshop is important to shape the final plan.

Wednesday  
23rd Nov

7.30pm -  
9.30pm

7pm - 7.30 pm View the Charrette Latest! Wall, and a Charrette Update

**EMBARKATION - presentation of final masterplan and delivery plan created during Charrette**

Presentation from the Design Team on the proposed masterplan.  
Presentation from the Callander Community Council and Callander Community Development Trust on the proposed delivery plan.

What happens next? Question and Answer session.

Closing addresses:  
Dick Johnson, Callander Community Council, hosts and initiators of the Charrette  
Bruce Crawford - Cabinet Secretary for Parliamentary Business and Government Strategy



## Have Your Say!

What should Callander be like in 5 years time? What should Callander be like in 40 years time?

Will it be just like everywhere else, or will it still be a special place? What makes it special anyway? What challenges does it face? What annoys you about the town?

How would you improve it?

What do you want for your own future?

These are some of the questions we need to answer as part of the Callander Charrette - a 5 day "hands on" event where the whole community will shape a vision for the future of Callander - and the plans to make it happen. The Callander Partnership invites you to take part - starting on **Saturday 19th November, through to Wednesday 23rd November.**

We have a team of experts who will be working with us. But their job is to help us shape our future, not to shape it for us! To help them prepare, we are inviting everyone who lives or works in Callander to tell us what they think of Callander, now and in the future. We'll share the results with the experts, but more importantly, we'll share them with each other at the Charrette.

The Callander Community Development Trust, with the Callander Community Council will be drawing from the charrette outcomes to create the next Community Action Plan for the period 2012-2017 and your feedback on these sheets and during the event will also help to inform this.

Have a look at the questions that follow, and tell us what you think about Callander! Write it, draw it, photograph it, cartoon it - and then send or email it into us by Friday November 11th. Then come and share your ideas and look at everyone else's at the Charrette as we try to make them happen. We look forward to hearing from you.

*The Callander Partnership*



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### Public Events

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10am - 12noon	Workshop for young people We want your ideas about Callander and to encourage you to come and get involved at the other public workshops.
1.30pm - 5pm	Opening Public Workshop An introduction to the Charrette process, a chance to give your input on the challenges that Callander faces and describe your vision for the town.
<b>Sunday 20th November</b> - Bridgend Youth Hub (Bridgend Hotel)	
11am - 1pm	Public Workshop 2 A recap of what happened on Saturday and an opportunity for you to define how future proposals for Callander should be assessed.
1.45pm - 5pm	Public workshops on key topics which are important to Callander, such as Tourism, Regeneration, Built and Natural Heritage, Housing, Education and Employment.
<b>Tuesday 22nd November</b> - Bridgend Youth Hub (Bridgend Hotel)	
7-9pm	Public Workshop 3 An exhibition of alternative options and a chance for you to ask questions about the proposals and decide on the most appropriate final vision.
<b>Wednesday 23rd November</b> - Bridgend Youth Hub (Bridgend Hotel)	
7-9pm	Final Public Workshop Presentation of the vision, masterplan and summary of the Charrette process. Question and Answer session. Handover of the plan to the Callander Community Council.

Do take the time to drop in to as many of the workshops as you can and make the most of this opportunity for everyone in the community to help shape Callander's future. Please ensure you fill in the exercises attached beforehand and return to us by 11th November. Thank you.





# Callander.. 5 years ... 15 years ... 40 years ?

## What do YOU think Callander should be like in 5 years, 15 years and even 40 years time?

What should the community, the councils, and businesses do to shape Callander's future the way you want it?

Join many of people who live and work in Callander at the Charrette - an interesting and fun event running from 19th - 23rd November. With support from a team of experts we will debate, draw and together create a plan for Callander's future.

Come to these events at the Callander Youth Project (former Bridgend Hotel):

**SATURDAY 19th:** Exhibition: Callander past, present... and future? (1.30 - 2pm)

See how Callander grew into the town it is today, and what people have told us so far about their hopes and wishes for Callander

What does Callander want? A workshop to create a vision for Callander (2pm formal opening, 5.30pm close)

**SUNDAY 20th:** How do we get what we want?  
A workshop to set objectives (11am - 1pm)  
Themed workshops to develop ideas (1.45pm - 5pm)

**MONDAY 21st:** (Technical sessions in the morning)  
Studio drop in - drop in and see how things are shaping up, and talk to the team (4pm - 7pm)

**TUESDAY 22nd:** Alternatives workshop - view the ideas and plans emerging, and help shape the final plan (7pm - 9pm)

**WEDNESDAY 23rd:** Exhibition: the Callander charrette - (7pm - 7.30pm)  
Presentation: The preferred plan emerging from the Charrette and next steps - where does it all go from here? (7.30 - 9.30pm)

Up to date details at <http://www.facebook.com/Incallander> and available at the National Park Office, Main Street, Callander



Saturday 19th to Wednesday 23rd November 2011

## Have Your Say in Callander's Future!

Share ideas and make them happen

### How?

Fill in a questionnaire, available from the National Park office on the Main Street, as well as in many other locations around town.

E-mail us at [callandercharrette@lochlomond-trossachs.org](mailto:callandercharrette@lochlomond-trossachs.org)

Add your comments on Facebook @ InCallander

**Most importantly, come along to a series of public workshops at the Bridgend Youth Hub (Bridgend Hotel) from Saturday 19th - Wednesday 23rd Nov.**

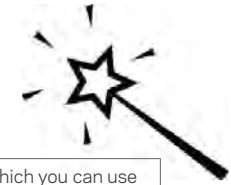
Use this unique opportunity to be part of shaping the future of Callander!



# Community Survey Summary of Outcomes

Before the Charrette, questionnaires (see Image 01 and 02) were circulated throughout the community to highlight key issues which the community felt strongly about. Over 250 responses were received before the Charrette (and a further 200 over the weekend) and collated into an exhibition for the entrance foyer of the Charrette Venue (see images 03 to 07).

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## If I had a magic wand I would...

It's everyone's dream. You are given a magic wand, and one wish, which you can use to do anything you like for Callander to make it a better place to live 5, 15 or even 40 years ahead. Show or tell us what you would wish!

Don't forget drawings and photos!

## What are your priorities for action?

With your magic wand, what would you do first?



If you would like, please tick these boxes so that we can be sure that we get a broad range of responses from all members of the community. It will not influence how your responses are viewed.

Gender			
Male	<input type="checkbox"/>	Female	<input type="checkbox"/>
Age			
<12	<input type="checkbox"/>	12-17	<input type="checkbox"/>
18-24	<input type="checkbox"/>	25-40	<input type="checkbox"/>
41-65	<input type="checkbox"/>	65+	<input type="checkbox"/>

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## Things you really like about living in Callander...

Many people tell us that Callander is a great place to live. Maybe it is the surroundings, maybe the people, maybe a particular location. Show us or tell us what makes Callander special to you - and feel free to use more pages if you want!

(draw / write / photos / cartoons)

## Some things that frustrate you about Callander...



Lots to say?  
Add more sheets!

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Image 02

# Things you really like about living in Callander...

### Environment and Location

- o Amazing scenery/setting/outdoor environment; the river Teith and the lochs; Ben Ledi, hills, crags, woodland; wildlife, nature, seasonal changes;
- o Small enough to be able to walk or cycle to amenities and know everyone;
- o Accessibility and proximity to major towns (Stirling, Edinburgh, Glasgow...), airport and national park;
- o Plenty of Outdoor Activities (walking, cycling, hillwalking, kayaking, sailing, golf, climbing...);
- o It's great to live in a holiday destination and seeing tourists enjoy visiting;
  - o good quality town centre architecture;
  - o Clean air;

### Safety

- o excellent police service;
- o Relatively free from crime;

"I like that I can play safely outside my house."

### Leisure

- o Plenty of Outdoor Activities (walking, cycling, hillwalking, kayaking, sailing, golf, climbing...)
- o McLaren Leisure Centre;
  - o I like the Leisure centre because I like swimming and I like the cafe;
- o Relatively good choice of leisure facilities;
- o the play park at the Meadows and being able to play in the primary school field out of school hours; I love the swing park and the forest. I also love Bracklinnfalls;
- o library

"The pool in the leisure centre is great when our grandchildren are over."

### Shops and Amenities

- o Shops and local resources;
- o Availability of most everyday items; good places to eat out;
- o Some nice places to eat but NOT very nice pubs!
- o Good pubs, restaurants, bakeries; Basic needs, plus varied and unusual items.
- o While a full range isn't available locally, this is an economic response to the number of shops + ease of travel to bigger centres + e-shopping;

"Lots of nice places for a good cup of tea and a cake"

### Education

- o "I like the school"
- o Excellent schools;
- o The setting for the school is fantastic;
- o The schools both encourage the youngsters to be more self confident and there is certainly a lot of musical talent resulting from enthusiastic teachers/helpers;

"The school is close and I don't have to get a bus to school!"

### Lifestyle and Health

- o Living AND working in Callander;
- o Friendly and efficient medical centre, an optician and a dental practice;
- o excellent doctors in two practices; Access to GP and dentist;
- o The medical practices - a beautiful building with lots of parking - they try very hard to get you seen asap;

"A non pressurized way of life."

### Religion

- o "The church community"

"Three churches - one for anyone who is at all interested in religion, either practising or curious to learn more!"

### Community

- o Community spirit/a sense of community;
- o Not too big - you can get to know nearly everyone;
- o Excellent community support for local business;
- o Youth Project and its work with Young people;
- o A good local kirk and community accessible rooms
- o Volunteering and local initiatives;
- o interests and clubs available to residents (an active effort to make Callander a better place);

"Our free newspaper Ben Ledi View"

Friendly People - Small enough to be friendly and get to know people;

"Friendly people (except Jamie)"

### Culture and Heritage

- o Rob Roy
- o Callander's history; let's hope the 'old' town does not become too modern;
- o The historical stones have been well worth doing;
  - o Local Creative Culture;

"I like hearing about the history of Callander, especially the old names for places eg. The Creep"

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# Things that frustrate you about Callander...

**Employment**

- Lack of apprenticeships and local training opportunities for young people;
- Old people taking up jobs that young people could do;

**Safety**

- Too many cars; amount of heavy traffic; poor traffic management; too many large heavy lorries coming through town;
- Cars too fast coming into town. It is scary cycling or walking with small children on the tiny and exposed pavement, opposite the garage, with lorries hurtling past;
- Cycle routes and paths for kids to school not safe enough; No bike lanes on the road;
- Snow and ice in the winter; Potholes in the roads;
- Primary school playing fields open to public during school hours;

**Infrastructure and Amenities**

- Poor and problematic infrastructure (flooding, road repairs, drainage, carparking, toilets);
- Poor public toilets: The closure of public conveniences in South Church Street; No toilets in Meadows carpark; Toilets in tourist centre unavailable to visitors - why?
- Poor and dangerous state of pavements, roads and paths - winter care of these dreadful!
- Poor design and street furniture (especially Creep Path and Bridgend) despite being in the conservation area - a hazard for blind people!
- Parking: Lack of parking; Parking expensive; The amount of free parking on the main road and Tulipian Crescent - adds dangerous bottlenecks along the stretch;
- 10 years to make Ancaster Bridge safe!!!
- Hedges and bushes obstructing pavements, footpaths and roads - should be trimmed or removed;

**Children**

- Not having a village hall;
- St Kessog's should go back to the community - it is such a central location;
- Following the demolition of St. Kessog's, I would like to see a purpose built performance and meeting space, using the skills of our local architect and lots of glass. Locals could meet, hang out, have a coffee, a meal. Perhaps it could be run by locals so it could be open every evening. No alcohol - there are pubs for that;
- childcare not available;
- no afterschool care for youngsters;
- more clubs for teenagers;
- I need to go to Stirling for soft play for kids;

**Community Hall**

- Lack of good and affordable public transport connections (i.e. to Dunblane and Perth, Stirling, Port of Monteth);
- No realistic alternative to the car; unreliable transport - I don't have and don't want a car and it's hopeless; we need more buses so people don't use their cars so much;
- No direct link to nearest rail station;
- Transport prices; buses are far too expensive - £9 return to Stirling;

**Planning**

- Danger of overdevelopment;
- Dubious planning decisions taken despite major local opposition;
- Building on floodplains - no long-term thinking!
- We should not allow our surviving open spaces to be built on;

**Transport**

- Buses do not have spaces for bicycle;
- Not enough transport for people to and from Callander;
- It would be nice to have a minibus service connecting all areas of town;
- no 'late' public transport from/to Stirling;

**Leisure**

- Limited and expensive leisure facilities, especially indoors; Swimming costs too much;
- Nothing to do; Boring; No astro turf; No mountain bike trails; Not much to do;
- Inadequate play area for children;
- The McLaren Leisure centre is a wasted resource they should provide consistent classes for folk;
- When will the crazy golf be finished in the Meadows? Euro Disney was built quicker!
- Repair the putting green;
- revamp the old wooden car + trailer (in camp place park) - the kids love it;

**Environment and Quality**

- High Street: tacky and poor quality shops and B&Bs; Shabby buildings; Too many Woolen Mill shops and too many ugly deceitful closing down shops); Old Amusement Centre is an eyesore to visitors; too many shops selling the same or similar goods;
- Litter and dog-fouling; Chewing gum on the pavements; The Camp Place Park and Primary School playing field should be enclosed rather than open to people's dogs;
- Excessive signage; too many traffic lights; Lack of signage for cars surrounding primary school;
- Meadows: nice but could be better, putting area an eyesore, need more litter bins so in the summer they don't overflow

**Tourism**

- Old people getting us into trouble for nothing;
- Still no heritage centre and no real plan to promote tourism
- Summer tourists in bus loads walking slowly up the street;
- A lack of facilities for those who visit the town;
- I feel we could encourage tourists with more novel ideas in the winter - e.g. Like enchanted forest and things to do when it's raining;

**Community and Youth**

- Young people/school pupils are blamed for everything that goes wrong in the town;

**Representation**

- Callander is treated as a suburb of Stirling;

**Health**

- Put health and well-being high up the agenda;
- A hospital for Callander;

**Economy and Employment**

- Boost Economy, bring in new business; bring well/decent paid jobs for local people; make more job opportunities; attract a major employer into town;
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**Health**

- less heavy traffic;
- cars need to slow down when going through town;
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- Create a new major and unique attraction i.e. light up the crags, a cable car; something more exciting like a ski slope or an ice rink - a way of bringing more tourists during the winter;
- Promote and make the most of the Highland Games;
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Image 04

Image 05

# What are your priorities for action?

## Community

- Ascertain how Callander can become an all year round thriving community
- Consolidate elderly care
- Have more 60-65 year olds join community clubs
- Raise awareness of young people
- Bring more devolved power to the town
- Stop the 'clique' of people who only get involved in local events to promote themselves or their own businesses
- We need action, not more consultations, meetings and plans!
- Get everyone singing from the same song book
- Transfer Callander governance from Stirling Council to Perth and Kinross

## Economy

- Create the right environment for new business
- Carparks and toilets to be run by the community for the community
- Extend Cares funding to all businesses in the area (not just the city centre ones)
- Funding for local business to avoid a mass exodus of talent and skills
- Affordable business accommodation and less reliance on tourism, which is seasonal
- Create more job opportunities
- Introduce super-fast broadband (to support and encourage business diversity)

## Infrastructure

- Upgrade all infrastructure before expanding development
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## Safety

- Follow up with the council what action they are going to take to ensure Bellway construct roundabout and provide a pathway through new development
- Speed bumps - one day a child is going to come to grief with the speed cars come in to Callander
- Improve pavements and paths for safety
- Put bobbies back on the beat - not in the Police Station
- Snowploughs to clear roads and pavements

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## Sustainability

- Make Callander become greener
- Make Callander on a self-sustaining community
- Open up the recycling centre for longer hours
- Provide more environmental awareness activities that make the most of the location e.g. walks, wildlife watching

## Transport

- Better and more affordable local and sustainable service
- Extra buses to Aberfoyle and outlying villages
- Reinstated trains
- Make up a bus timetable for all the small villages
- Better links to large cities such as Stirling, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth and Inverness.

## Tourism

- Promote surrounding countryside and cultural landscape more actively and effectively - Callander a centre for outdoor sports and leisure
- Improve facilities for cyclists
- Create good quality accommodation; allow visitors to stay for longer
- Make Callander an inviting exciting place to visit where people can come and enjoy more independent shops with more variety of goods for local people

## Amenities

- Develop a community hall with small and large events - encourage local musicians and artists
- Turn the information centre back into a church - it's a fantastic building!! Use Callander Kirk as concert hall
- Get a decent supermarket
- Reduce or abolish parking charges, especially for residents.
- More local shops to stock things that people need to save them having to go to Stirling - shops that cater for local people
- A McDonalds and Burger King
- A publicly owned care home
- Allotments

## Environment

- Plant trees and stop taking down so many mature trees
- Regenerate the Meadows area
- Improve the high street, signage, street furniture and parking
- Get rid of the dreadful discount posters on the main street - really tacky!!!
- Better signs for places and events such as public toilets and coffee mornings
- Buy new Christmas lights
- Make the protection of the natural heritage/environment top priority
- Attempt to make the less responsible dog owners more responsible
- Litter clearance

## Leisure

- Improve and maintain leisure facilities
- A big patch to muck about and play on
- Reinstate the grass area in the Meadows to an acceptable condition for use of visiting groups as a bit of steam, games and picnic area
- More stuff for ages 12-18
- Sort out child-care provision with regards to welfare and after-school care; provide a facility for children to engage in indoor activities
- More fun!

## Development

- Protect the countryside and its tranquil areas from development
- Local people must take precedence over tourists!
- More affordable housing (on brown field sites) - build eco-friendly houses for homeless
- Restrict the building of more houses and improve the design quality of those that go ahead
- Modify proposed flats above Post Office - completely out of character!
- Sympathetic development of the riverside on South Church Street and by the Meadows

## Flooding

- Improve flood protection
- Sort out the flooding once and for all
- Manage flood risk



Image 06

# I love Callander

These poems are from a competition run by s1Callander.com. It was aimed at local school children, who were asked to say why they love Callander. Thank you to the children we asked for permission to reproduce their poems. You can see more on the website [www.s1callander.com/love/](http://www.s1callander.com/love/)

## poetry

Finn Newton

*I love Callander, a very special place, full of very friendly people, and always a happy face.*

*Swimming in the meadows, in the cool summer breeze, paddling in the river, water trickling below my knees.*

*A long trek up Ben Ledi, the perfect day for me, looking over heather covered lands, a wonderful sight to see.*

*Raindrops falling from the sky, puddles everywhere, Callander's a glorious town of rain, an amazing place we share.*

*Hamish and Heather had their calf, a beautiful highland cow, I love Callander so very much, and it's my favourite place now!*

By Jack Wardrope, P7

The Leisure centre is really cool, It's got a sports hall and a swimming pool,

After a hard days work at the gym, Go for a well deserved, luxury swim,

There's a lovely café, which serves great food,

A different variety to suit your mood, There's a climbing wall,

It's very tall, but it doesn't matter if you're a wee bit small,

All around there's great wildlife, It's a great way to live to your life,

The jagged, snowy mountains in the range, Some of the native birds are strange,

The dazzling streams running down a hill, Into a loch, all around Samson's rock,

If you've nothing left to do, Go and visit Hamish the highland cow,

Go for a delicious ice cream, When you set your eyes on Rob Roy's tower you will start to beam,

In the Christmas Period, the spirit is uplifting, When the snow is drifting,

Seeing Santa and his Sleigh, Makes all the kids happy all day,

Callander is the place to stay, An exciting thing is happening very day!!!

By Emily Field, P7

Callander is my home, I love it very much, The Meadows, The Kirk, The Hotels and The Pubs.

Think of all the seasons, A festival for every one, Spring is the Easter egg competition,

(Only for the kids) all the different ideas, Bright and wonderful colours, Summer is the highland games,

Men balancing cabers, And showing off their strength, Autumn is the Jazz festival,

Decorate an umbrella, In a jazzy way, Winter is the Christmas parade,

Dress up if you dare, Of course there's that jolly guy that comes out on his sleigh,

They teach us lots of education, At the primary and the high school, Now we mustn't forget Hamish, Heather and little Hamish Jr.

All traditional highland cows, Callander is the best for me, Callander is my cup of tea!



Image 07

# Community Survey

## Full Transcription of Pre-Charrette Responses

Things you really like about living in Callander...	Things that frustrate you about Callander...	If I had a magic wand I would...	What are your priorities for action?
Economy and Employment	<p><b>Economy and Employment:</b> Economy and local businesses need a boost (businesses are closing - we need more visitors to stay - need more accommodation ); lack of local support for local business; More places for business - Less commuting and more teleworking - need more office and conferencing space; lack of affordable business premises - I rent mine in Edinburgh which is much cheaper than Callander or Stirling! Very few industrial units to buy or rent;</p> <p><b>Economy:</b> there is an overemphasis on tourism from some people in Callander's organisations. The attitude seems to be 'how can we get even more visitors to Callander' and then fleece them to line our pockets. There are already enough crowds in town on a weekend and nose-to-tail traffic destroying the peace of the loch sides;</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> general lack of employment; Not enough employment opportunities for young people; Lack of apprenticeships and local training opportunities for young people; Old people taking up jobs that young people could do;</p> <p><b>Economy and Amenities:</b> Carparks and toilets proceeds are not reinvested in Callander's tourist facilities;</p> <p><b>Connectivity:</b> Lack of fast and reliable high-speed broadband</p> <p><b>Communication:</b> fragmented communication (no specifics provided)</p>	<p><b>Economy and Employment:</b> Boost Economy, bring in new business; bring well/decent paid jobs for local people; make more job opportunities; attract a major employer into town;</p> <p><b>Investment:</b> Permanent funding for organisations like Callander &amp; Climate Change with energetic individuals to act as catalysts for improvement activities; volunteers are fine for carrying out actions but should not necessarily be expected to manage projects. Long-term maintenance of initiatives needs consistency.</p>	<p><b>Economy:</b> Create the right environment for new business; Attract small business</p> <p><b>Economy and Amenities:</b> Carparks and toilets to be run by the community for the community</p> <p><b>Economy:</b> Extend Cares funding to all businesses in the area (not just the city centre ones); Funding for local business to avoid a mass exodus of talent and skills; Support for small business to increase local employment; Attract small business; Support for small business to increase local employment.</p> <p><b>Economy and Business:</b> affordable business accommodation and less reliance on tourism which is seasonal</p> <p><b>Employment:</b> create more job opportunities</p> <p><b>Virtual Connectivity:</b> Introduce super-fast broadband (to support and encourage business diversity)</p>

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<b>Environmental Quality, Location and Environment</b>			
<p><b>Location:</b> Accessibility and proximity to major towns and airport and national park; easy access to motorways to Edinburgh and Glasgow; close to Stirling;</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> Amazing scenery/setting/outdoor environment; clean air;</p> <p><b>Environment and Leisure:</b> Plenty of Outdoor Activities (walking, cycling, hill walking, kayaking, sailing, golf, climbing...)</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> tacky and poor quality shops and B&amp;Bs; Too many poor shops and of a poor range, shabby buildings; too many Woollen Mill shops (10x) and too many ugly deceitful closing down shops), Old Amusement Centre is an eyesore to visitors, poor and lack of play parks; don't like the tacky side of Callander, the fake Scottish gifts made in China etc.; the tacky shops and pathetic discount signs - they have been closing down for years; too many outdoor clothing shops; empty shops + too many shops selling the same or similar goods;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Investment in the built environment and architecture (let's have signature buildings that stand out and are a testament to our commitment to Callander and its future); overhaul the shop fronts (x3) - some of the new ones are great! A clean up of the high-street; transform the streetscape; Clean up and tidy the high-street shop fronts; Meadows carpark an eyesore; Front of St. Kessog's very dated and surfaces all hard;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> plant trees and stop taking down so many mature trees; regenerate the Meadows area</p>
<p><b>Environment:</b> proximity - Small enough to be able to walk or cycle to amenities and know everyone; Small with local services accessible;</p> <p><b>Environment: Water</b> - The river Teith and the lochs</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> good quality town centre architecture.</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Litter and dog-fouling, chewing gum on the pavements; The camp place park should be enclosed rather than open to people's dogs. The sand is full of old and new dogs dirt; Primary school playing field being used as a dog exercise area; debris at ex Caledonia House, Leny Road - needs cleared;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Planting - plant trees and create a tree-planting plan; more flower displays in the square; thicken up the trees; more floral displays</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> improve the high street, stop poor signage, posters, closing down sales, improve street furniture and parking; get rid of the dreadful discount posters on the main street - really tacky!!! Litter clearance; better signs for places and events such as public toilets and coffee mornings;</p>
<p><b>Environment:</b> It's great to live in a holiday destination and seeing tourists enjoy visiting</p> <p><b>Environment:</b> wildlife, nature, seasonal changes.</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> excessive signage, too many traffic lights; lack of signage for cars surrounding primary school;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> ban litter and dog-mess banned and those guilty fined and re-educated; keep chewing-gum off the streets; get fast food shops to clean up the mess of their customers;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> buy new Christmas lights</p>
<p><b>Environment:</b> Ben Ledi, hills, crags, woodland; the growing trees;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Meadows nice but could be better, putting area an eyesore, need more litter bins so in the summer they don't overflow</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> protect and preserve the landscape around Callander; improve the Meadows</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> make the protection of the natural heritage/environment top priority</p>
<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> litter pickers out daily ensuring main streets are clean; flower baskets and flowers in public spaces, cared for by locals;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Property - owners and tenants should ensure property is presented clean and tidy. If not, council should perform work as necessary, having notified the perpetrators 3 times;</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality and Safety:</b> better ambient lighting throughout the year, not just Christmas lights; not sodium orange lights; lighting and decorative lighting</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> attempt to make the less responsible dog owners more responsible;</p>
<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> no high-rise buildings</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> Old Railway Bridge - an eyesore</p>		
<p><b>Culture:</b> Local Creative Culture; music in the town</p>	<p><b>Environmental Quality:</b> drab entry to town - no excitement, quality lighting feel;</p>		
<p><b>Culture:</b> Rob Roy</p>			
<p><b>Cultural Heritage:</b> Callander's history; let's hope the 'old' town does not become too modern; I like hearing about the history of Callander, especially the old names for places e.g. The Creep - can we celebrate our past as well as modernise?! The historical stones have been well worth doing</p>			

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<b>Tourism: most promising stream of future income for the community</b>			
<b>Tourism:</b> most promising stream of future income for the community 2	<b>Tourism:</b> Town gets so busy with tourists and yet outside the centre it's empty - we need to promote the countryside more; too many tourists; summer tourists in bus loads walking slowly up the street; lack of proper riverside walk - the river is a wonderful resource but the town turns its back on it; no mountain bike trails;	<b>Tourism: Attractions -</b> Create a new major and unique attraction (i.e. light up the crags, a cable car); I'd like it if there was something more exciting like a ski slope or an ice rink; a way of bringing more tourists during the winter; create a mountain bike competition course around Coilhallan Woods; a downhill racecourse from top of Gullipen to Main Road either at Mollands Road or further west; A new attraction to the town - Rob Roy is out of date; Promote and make the most of the Highland Games to bring in visitors;	<b>Tourism:</b> Promote surrounding countryside and cultural landscape more actively and effectively - Callander a centre for outdoor sports and leisure; improve facilities for cyclists - Callander can never compete with Glencoe and Lochaber for the height or appeal of its hills, so instead of trying to attract mountaineers to Callander, look at a 7-stars-style mountain bike facility like Glentress; Cycle route from Callander to Dunblane via Doune;
	<b>Tourism:</b> wild camping moved from Loch Lomond, ugly crammed caravan site, ... 1	<b>Tourism: Accommodation -</b> A new style hotel for passing trade (SPA or Premier Inn) 1	<b>Tourism:</b> create good quality accommodation; Allow visitors to stay for longer; encourage a major hotel group - best Western or Holiday Inn - this would improve tourism and employment at a stroke; 2
	<b>Tourism:</b> still no heritage centre and no real plan to promote tourism 1	<b>Tourism: Camping -</b> have all wild camping and fires banned except in select and unobtrusive areas away from loch sides and with facilities 1	<b>Tourism:</b> create a heritage centre; Make Callander an inviting exciting place to visit where people can come and enjoy more independent shops with more variety of goods for local people; 2
	<b>Tourism: Accommodation -</b> need more boutique hotels; no medium/large hotel with modern facilities; A lack of facilities for those who visit the town 3	<b>Tourism and Leisure: Cycling -</b> Callander a Mecca for cycling; a cycle route to Stirling and beyond; a family circuit route around Loch Vernachar; create a mountain bike competition course around Coilhallan Wood; 5	<b>Community and Leisure:</b> McLaren Community (MUSP) Project 1
		<b>Tourism and Leisure: Bad Weather -</b> something to keep visitors occupied on wet days - a Local Museum - perhaps in Rob Roy centre; indoor Adventure Activities which would also help local youth, but with things that all the family could take part in; 1	



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<b>Infrastructure and Amenities</b>			
<p><b>Amenities: Shops</b> and local resources (great coffee shops); I like Greggs (7x), Tesco (5x) and Co-op (5x); Availability of most everyday items; plenty of facilities; different small shops; good places to eat out (x2); good services for young and old; lots of places for a good cup of tea and a snack; some nice places to eat but NOT very nice pubs!; Good pubs, restaurants, bakeries; Basic needs, plus varied and unusual items. While a full range isn't available locally, this is an economic response to the number of shops + ease of travel to bigger centres + e-shopping;</p>	<p><b>46 Infrastructure and amenities:</b> Poor and problematic infrastructure (flooding, road repairs, drainage, carparking, toilets); poor public toilets (x18), poor and dangerous state of pavements, roads and paths (x15) - winter care of these dreadful!; the closure of public conveniences in S Church Street (x13); no toilets in meadows carpark; poor design and street furniture (especially Creep Path and Bridgend) despite being in the conservation area - a hazard for blind people; lack of/issues with parking (x20); The amount of free parking on the main road and Tulipan Crescent - adds dangerous bottlenecks along the stretch; main car parks should be free and parking on street metered; toilets in tourist centre unavailable to visitors - why?; poor state of the Meadows area; seemingly endless routine of road works; 10 years to make Ancaster Bridge safe!!! Hedges and bushes obstructing pavements/footpaths and roads should be trimmed or removed; upgrade signage for all paths and parks;</p>	<p><b>40 Infrastructure: Bridge</b> - bridge across at eastern end of Callander to allow kids to cycle safely to school and promote greener transport; another footbridge across the river so the children from the far end of town have a safe route to school; In 10 years or earlier I would like a bridge at the Lagranoch end of the town to take us over to McLaren Centre;</p>	<p><b>6 Infrastructure: Paths and Pavements</b> - upgrade all infrastructure before expanding development; Upgrade path along main road to Kilmahog to make accessible for prams and wheelchairs; improve parking; upgrade transport, roads and pavements (x3); Station Road Bridge; Invest in cycling and paths and walks infrastructure; improve winter care of pavements and roads; Cycle route from Callander to Dunblane via Doune; Connect Woodland Trust Park to Kilmahog; extend cycle track;</p>
<p><b>Amenities: Parking</b> - Lots of parking for visitors</p>	<p><b>1 Infrastructure:</b> when the railway was closed down we were promised better roads - at present these are a big problem;</p> <p><b>Infrastructure:</b> still no footpath network; no riverside walk; upper woodland path being ripped out; no commutable cycle paths; There is no cycle route to Stirling at the moment. The old railway line stops at Cambudsmore and it would be nice to see the route extended East;</p>	<p><b>1 Infrastructure: Paths and Walks</b> - Upgrade path along main road to Kilmahog to make accessible for prams and wheelchairs; riverside walk along the river to the High School; wide even path to school along river so children can walk or cycle to school safely; renovate upper woodland level path</p> <p><b>5 Infrastructure: Cycling</b> - put bike lanes on the road because the tourists always ask us to get off the pavements but the road is too busy; a family cycling route around Loch Vernachar (complete circuit). A similar route at Derwentwater/Ladybower in the Peak District attracts hundreds of families with children every day, bring a huge benefit to the local economy for accommodation/cafes/restaurants; Extend cycle path facilities along line of old railway to Doune to Stirling;</p>	<p><b>4 Infrastructure: Bridges</b> - bridge over river on east end; fix bridge on station road</p> <p><b>3 Infrastructure: Roads</b> - remove road-humps and excessive signage; Remove all unnecessary traffic calming measures; remove Bridgend humps; add double yellow lines on both sides of Leny road from exit of Meadows carpark to Tulipan Crescent (2x) - remember to repaint!;</p>

## Infrastructure and Amenities

<p><b>Amenities:</b> local privately owned shops are disappearing under supermarket pressures; there are no home deliveries for food and heavy shopping; useless shops; too many charity shops (x2); shops closing; lack of general small specialized local shops (x5); not much choice (x2); lack of a decent green grocer (x3); shops in the town very dated;</p>	12	<p><b>Infrastructure:</b> speed up work on Station Road Bridge</p>	1	<p><b>Amenities: Community Centre -</b> Develop a community hall with small and large events - encourage local musicians and artists; St. Kessog's - what is happening to it?; Reinstat church in St. Kessog's and use Callander Kirk as concert hall etc.</p>	6
<p><b>Amenities:</b> only one post office - another would be great</p>	1	<p><b>Amenities: Parking -</b> Abolish parking charges; sort out parking to encourage visitors; more parking for disabled with fines for those who use it and don't need it; Parking for £1;</p>	5	<p><b>Amenities:</b> Get a decent supermarket; Go ahead with a supermarket; range of large shops to offer choice;</p>	4
<p><b>Amenities:</b> no allotments in Callander</p>	1	<p><b>Amenities: High Street -</b> Improve the main street; Improve the main street shopping experience; more local shops for local people; up-to date shops and a child-friendly cafe;</p>	5	<p><b>Amenities:</b> turn the information centre back into a church - it's a fantastic building!!!</p>	1
<p><b>Amenities:</b> growth of supermarket stores, don't want another supermarket store; fear of unhealthy competition and job losses; already two in town and we don't need more, why not rather expand the CO-OP instead?; negative impact on trade; another supermarket would seriously damage existing shops; allowing another supermarket will only attract those who travel by car; like elsewhere a new supermarket would kill the town centre, close local shops like butcher and baker losing jobs and business people, while projects would go to England, or even USA for Walmart/ASDA;</p>	9	<p><b>Amenities: Shopping -</b> Bring in more and better shops - kids: more and better shops like Hollister (3x), JJB, Vio, designer clothes shop; McDonald's (x1.2); KFC (x2); Burger King (x5)Frankie and Bennies; more shops with cool stuff for local kids not tourists; a music shop; I would maybe have more shops such as New Look; more ice cream shops and cake shops; Jack Wills;</p>	14	<p><b>Amenities: Parking -</b> Reduce or abolish parking charges; sort out parking; Affordable parking for locals; improve off-street parking; Scrap the parking fees! - free parking in Aberfoyle ahs brought great benefits from tourists; Review parking with resident permit parking on upper Station Road park; Lower parking charges for an hour or even half an hour and give residents permits; Free parking for residents in all paid carparks - maximum stay 3 hours; limit parking on Church Street and Station Road to half an hour;</p>	12
<p><b>Amenities:</b> kids - not enough good shops; no McDonalds, no Burger King, no shopping centre, no JJB sports (x2); no music shops; no cinema; no shopping centre;</p>	6	<p><b>Amenities: Shopping -</b> Bring in more unique/one-off shops (i.e.. As Pitlochry and Bridge of Allan) to balance the tacky ones; real Scottish produce, crafts; a green-grocers and local shops selling good quality items; salads shops; better quality restaurants; more local shops for local people</p>	7	<p><b>Amenities: Local Shops -</b> better and more small shops; weekly market; Close 50% of Woollen Mills outdoor shops and replace with decent reasonably priced shops for locals; more local shops to stock things that people need to save them having to go to Stirling - shops that cater for local people, kids: a McDonald's and Burger King; a shopping centre; Jack Wills</p>	12

## Infrastructure and Amenities

<p><b>Amenities:</b> shops and supermarkets - no large supermarket; expensive and minimal choice of supermarkets; limited shopping choice - need to travel to larger town;</p>	4	<p><b>Amenities: Supermarket -</b> New supermarket; a proper supermarket; a shopping centre (x4); big supermarket;</p>	7	<p><b>Amenities: Toilets -</b> sort out public toilets; open public toilet; more decent public toilet facilities; make public toilets more accessible in the middle of the town - visitors are always asking if there are toilets on the main street. Public toilets by Meadows carpark;</p>	10
<p><b>Amenities:</b> shops close too early</p>	2	<p><b>Amenities: Local Loyalty -</b> loyalty schemes for locals and residents for shopping, parking etc.</p>	1	<p><b>Amenities:</b> allotments</p>	1
<p><b>Amenities:</b> Community Centre - not having a village hall; St Kessog's should go back to the community - it is such a central location; following the demolition of St. Kessog's, I would like to see a purpose built performance and meeting space, using the skills of our local architect and lots of glass. Locals could meet, hang out, have a coffee, a meal. Perhaps it could be run by locals so it could be open every evening. No alcohol - there are pubs for that; no proper community hall (although Bridgend now there)</p>	7	<p><b>Amenities: Community Centre -</b> there is no focal point in the town that does not have a church connection - I think we deserve a neutral, warm, and aesthetically pleasing focal point in which to escape the rain, make connections with folk (on neutral ground) and to see and hear music/drama, whatever, performed in a building created for the purpose, with comfortable seating (unlike church or school); Maintain St Kessog's as a thriving centre for visitors and locals alike with 'entertainment' throughout the year; Ancaster Square should be a lively, attractive centre of the town;</p>	2	<p><b>Amenities:</b> a publicly owned care home</p>	1
<p><b>Amenities: Parking -</b> Parking fees and provision; charging for parking - not tourist friendly; it is high time that authorities got to grips with the car parking situation - it can be impossible to park for e.g. 30-40 minutes to buy goods in the local shops - more people are therefore travelling to Stirling and making the deterioration of the main street worse; The parking charges Stirling Council inflicts on visitors make us look mean and greedy. They are some of the highest I encounter;</p>	17	<p><b>Amenities: Community Centre -</b> A community hall for events and festivals would be great; make St. Kessog's into a civic centre; build a decent community hall - after all even Brig O'Turk has one!; a good local market in the square once a week; town hall that has no restrictions to it - i.e. bar for functions... Better use of St. Kessog's for community and tourists; a small version of the Sage Gateshead: a glass fronted building in the centre of town; an auditorium and a veranda - street level performance areas with comfortable seating inside for artists in residence such as the Scottish Chamber Orchestra - this could become an internationally renowned recognized facility where cultures meet: highland and lowland, urban and rural, local and global;</p>	10		

**Infrastructure and Amenities**

- Amenities: Meadows** - Meadows play area to cycleway a disgrace - reinstate to grass land suitable for groups visiting to have a picnic and play area; reinstate Meadows to standard of 7/8 years ago when tourists, visitors and residents could enjoy sports/play with families; The Meadows park cannot be used for very long periods at a time due to excess rain/water - it's position is completely wrong + it serves a very limited age range. McResti park in Crieff has been refurbished this year - it is excellent in every way + would be ideal for locals + visitors here. Please look at it! **4**
- Amenities: Toilets** - good public toilets; re-instate public toilets with funding for maintenance, not dependant on volunteers **4**
- Amenities:** Uncertainty about the future of St. Kessog's; ST. Kessog's still not sorted **4**
- Amenities:** Ongoing action from the NP to manage the current problems around the loch shores from 'fishermen'. Do we need a fairly basic campsite to cater for those without a caravan or without the funding to pay for fancy facilities? **1**
- Dreadnought neither a family nor business place **1**
- Services:** re-introduce home-delivery (shopping) for old folk **1**

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**Community issues and Community Representation**

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| <p><b>Community:</b> Community spirit/a sense of community; not too big - you can get to know nearly everyone; Excellent community support for local business; happy people; <b>21</b></p> | <p><b>Community:</b> old people - getting us into trouble for nothing; young people/school pupils are blamed for everything that goes wrong in the town; school people always blamed; younger generation stereotyped by the older generation; most young people aren't respected by the old people; Lack of local community spirit (a youngster's perspective); Not enough people committed to voluntary work or even interested in local goings on; a better community; a lack of community spirit due to Callander becoming a dormitory town for Stirling, Edinburgh and Glasgow; <b>6</b></p> | <p><b>Community:</b> I wish that more people would join available clubs before they are 75+ (there is a gap of 60-65 year olds) <b>1</b></p> | <p><b>Community and Action:</b> talk through issues at the Charrette - agree a vision and ensure we collectively work towards it!!! I wouldn't rush into anything on the basis of such a sudden and brief community consultation; <b>2</b></p> |
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## Community issues and Community Representation

<p><b>Community:</b> Friendly People, Small enough to be friendly and get to know people; friendly people (except Jamie); my special friends; friends; friendly neighbours;</p>	45	<p><b>Community:</b> The 'Callander apathy' - the feeling that if it is nor 'my ball' I'm not going to play. If everyone worked TOGETHER to find more ways to make projects happen e.g. Kessog's, McLaren leisure Centre, Sports and Adventure Projects we would all benefit as a community; Lack of community feel/spirit and community events; attitude of some Callander folk toward tourists - they make the town we have today and without them there would be no Callander; too many commuters who do not take part in the local community affairs;</p>	9	<p><b>Community:</b> regeneration of the good old fashioned 'community spirit' which used to be so special in the Callander Community, and which nowadays seems to be sadly lacking from most areas; return the town to how it was 20 years ago when it was a real community town, not like now - a town akin to Dunblane's faceless commuter town; the fostering of good community spirit;</p>	3	<p><b>Community:</b> Ascertain how Callander can become an all year round thriving community</p>	1
<p><b>Community and Local Initiatives:</b> Our free newspaper Ben Ledi View; Youth Project and its work with Young people; Hydro Project</p>	4	<p><b>Community:</b> too much police</p>	1	<p><b>Community:</b> wider services for the increasing elderly population</p>	1	<p><b>Community and Health:</b> Consolidate elderly care</p>	1
<p><b>Community:</b> a good local Kirk and community accessible rooms</p>	3	<p><b>Community:</b> yobbish behaviour on Friday and Saturday nights</p>	1	<p><b>Community:</b> For Callander to stay a rural community and stay small</p>	1	<p><b>Community:</b> have more 60-65year olds joined community clubs</p>	1
<p><b>Community:</b> Volunteering and local initiatives, interests and clubs available to residents (an active effort to make Callander a better place); the many clubs and societies which offer so much to entertain, inform and accept folk; lots of local musicians; the amount of musical talent put to good use;</p>	19	<p><b>Community:</b> neighbours, NEDS</p>	3	<p><b>Community:</b> have more events in the square; food markets, festivals and special events in the town centre or church hall; make more of lade beer event;</p>	3	<p><b>Community:</b> raise awareness of young people</p>	1
<p><b>Community:</b> there are lots of young people; friends in school; you know most of the people in Callander who are your age;</p>	4	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> the Community Council; the attitude of the National Park;</p>	2	<p><b>Community:</b> have a proper community venue for theatre and music functions</p>	1	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> bring more devolved power to the town</p>	1
<p><b>Community:</b> a good place to bring up kids</p>	1			<p><b>Community:</b> make the community be fairer on young people; no NEDS</p>	2	<p><b>Community and Police:</b> higher police pressure to control wild camping</p>	1
<p><b>Community:</b> resourcefulness and enterprise of the people</p>	1			<p><b>Community:</b> keep the town size small so it has a village feel where people know their neighbours;</p>	1		
<p><b>Community Representation:</b> an active community council</p>	1	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> nothing is done when complaints are made; a number of groups want the same thing but nothing gets done; public consultation which pays no attention to the public; Decisions on so many things are made by Stirling Council which is a long way off and has a culture mostly urban. Callander is a rural town. Endless quest for change - why? Callander now suffers from suburbanisation - much of it is now made up of bland architecture for commuters. Some areas could be anywhere;</p>	6	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> Centralized Community Group providing vision and a big picture and working towards improved services for everyone; start again with one group made up of members of the community with the knowhow to make things happen; reinstate a Town Council;</p>	3	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> stop the 'clique' of people who only get involved in local events to promote themselves or their own businesses; employ a sensible person who would ignore bureaucracy and make things happen. We need action, not more consultations, meetings and plans!; Get everyone singing from the same song book;</p>	3
				<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> Replace the Community Council; CC not in the pocket of minority and controlled by Forestry interests;</p>	2		

Community issues and Community Representation

<p><b>Improvement initiatives:</b> Efforts for improvement are fragmented; too many little groups working on little bits - no big picture; Too many consultations and not enough results; Too many groups with vested interests all competing against a one another for time/volunteers/money/agency support; a lack of joined-unless - lot of people trying to do good things but no coordinated effort; too many groups all run by virtually the same people and presumably getting in each others way and achieving very little;</p>	<p>5</p>	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> Callander is divided into 8 areas with a Community Councillor elected to represent views of each area.</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>. Transfer Callander governance from Stirling Council to Perth and Kinross</p>	<p>1</p>
<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> Not enough support by Stirling Council; Stirling Council are centralizing services - roads, waste, recycling, social care...not good; Callander is treated as a suburb of Stirling; Stirling council's attitude to rural areas means things don't get done very quickly or at all; Decisions on so many things are made by Stirling Council which is a long way off and has a culture mostly urban. Callander is a rural town.</p>	<p>6</p>	<p><b>Community and Representation:</b> extend the powers of our excellent community council so that it could ask Stirling and Perthshire county councils and private firms to tender for the whole range of services currently provided by Stirling - more local control over how money is allocated!</p> <p><b>Community and Representation:</b> Increase community support from corporate concerns... Tesco, CO-OP, Woolen Mills;</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>. more involvement of the community in promoting Callander and looking to the future positive instead of 'we have done this before' negative;</p> <p>. Need to have representation on the National Park Authority so decisions about Callander are not made without it</p>	<p>1</p>

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<b>Transport</b>			
<b>Transport:</b> local bus service; reliable transport	<p><b>3</b> <b>Transport:</b> Lack of good and affordable public transport connections (i.e. To Dunblane and Perth, Stirling, Port of Monteith); no realistic alternative to the car; unreliable transport - I don't have and don't want a car and it's hopeless; no direct link to nearest rail station; transport prices; buses are far too expensive - £9 return to Stirling; not enough transport for people to and from Callander; bus service - infrequent; we need more buses so people don't use their cars so much; we need to get 4 buses to get to Larbert for a hospital appointment and back again; buses do not have spaces for bicycles; 4o'clock bus full up; it would be nice to have a minibus service connecting all areas of town; no 'late' public transport from/to Stirling; public transport not frequent enough to encourage people to use it;</p>	<p><b>29</b> <b>Transport:</b> Improve transport - cheap and regular public transport; Reinstate a rail-link to Dunblane and Stirling and have frequent shuttle buses throughout town and to Kilmahog, Tulipan and Mollands); lower transport prices (x2); extra buses to Aberfoyle and outlying villages; in 5 years time I would like to be able to travel easily in and around the LLTNP without relying on my car to do it; 59 bus every half an hour;</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> bring back/ re-open the railway (as par to a national high-speed railway); Reinstate a rail-link to Dunblane and Stirling etc.</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> all trucks with heavy goods should go by rail freeing up the roads for cyclists and there would be less noise</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> Callander by-pass; the original by-pass route fro Callander now has residential property at the east end of town. Alternative route: near Keltie Bridge take a road West on the north side of Callander Craggs - tunnel the land near Leny falls for the road to emerge near Anie Farm, Loch Lubnaig;</p> <p><b>Transport:</b> Connect Callander to Stirling, even Glasgow, with a silent Monorail commuter/shopping tram, powered by electricity from numerous small hydro schemes, wind turbines, new nano-tech P.V. Panels Trams every 30 minutes or so, easy access for all, and at a cost all can afford.</p>	<p><b>13</b> <b>Transport:</b> better and more affordable local and sustainable service; extra buses to Aberfoyle and outlying villages; return trains; make up a bus timetable for all the small villages; better links to large cities as Stirling, Glasgow, Edinburgh, Perth and Inverness;</p>

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<b>Planning and Housing</b>			
	<p><b>Planning:</b> A development trend - danger of overdevelopment); profits not spent locally, dubious planning decisions taken despite major local opposition; building on floodplains (x2)- no long-term thinking; overdevelopment: too many cabins at the (No Suggestions) forest site, ugly crammed caravan site, ugly unreliable wind farms; we should at all costs not allow our surviving open spaces to be built on and allowing tourist attractions to take precedence over what Callander inhabitants want.</p>	<p><b>6</b> <b>Planning and Housing:</b> more affordable housing; suitable housing for young people - we loose a lot of young people who would like to live here; housing for local people; I would create houses for homeless people; Lessen housing developments and increase character quality of those that go ahead in keeping with existing; no more developer housing;</p>	<p><b>8</b> <b>Planning and Housing:</b> more affordable housing (on brown field sites); build eco-friendly houses for homeless;</p> <p><b>3</b></p>
	<p><b>7</b> <b>Planning and Environment:</b> new development is not in keeping with the character of the town and over the years has spoiled it; poor design quality of new houses at entrance of village; development in character and more visually appealing, use more local stone; housing plans designed to destroy Callander's rural character and make it less attractive to tourists and locals; environment is secondary to economic development and interests; reverse planning permission for a 5-storey building above the Post Office - Completely barmy!!!</p>	<p><b>3</b> <b>Planning:</b> More thought for the long term needs of the community; restrict development, stop further expansion of the town - no more housing!!!</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Planning and Housing:</b> restrict the building of more houses and improve the design quality of those that go ahead; get rid of housing south of town; modify proposed flats above Post Office - completely out of character!</p>
	<p><b>4</b> <b>Planning and Housing:</b> limited affordable housing; high costs for housing and shop rental;</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Planning:</b> take Callander out of the National Park for Planning purposes - planning decisions have been disastrous for the village and taken in isolation</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Planning and Environment:</b> protect the countryside and its tranquil areas from development</p>
	<p><b>1</b> <b>Planning:</b> National Park ignoring views and ploughing ahead with plans i.e.. Auchenlaich and Tannochbrae</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Planning:</b> provide a tight boundary around Callander and concentrate all development within it</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Planning:</b> local people must take precedence over tourists! Widely publicize the National Park's proposals to make Callander its capital and I would hope that the local community would cast a very critical eye over what the N.P. wants to do.</p>
	<p><b>1</b> <b>Planning:</b> Current planning emphasizes new housing rather than new business</p>	<p><b>1</b> <b>Planning:</b> Remove Caledonian building and redevelop site for something useful</p>	<p><b>2</b> <b>Planning:</b> Old Caledonian Rest Home opposite Tesco's is an eyesore and needs redevelopment!; sympathetic development of the riverside on South Church Street and by the Meadows.</p>



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<b>Leisure, Youth and Children</b>			
<p><b>Leisure:</b> McLaren Leisure Centre; the pool in the leisure centre is great when our grandchildren are over; leisure centre on the doorstep; I like the Leisure centre because I like swimming and I like the cafe; relatively good choice of leisure facilities;</p>	<p><b>14 Leisure:</b> Limited and expensive leisure facilities, especially indoors; nothing to do (2x); boring (4x); no astro turf; no mountain bike trails; Swimming costs too much, Leisure centre too expensive; not much to do; no astro turf; inadequate play area for children; The football pitch is unusable for the local youth/adult team - the High School is also the only one in the area without a full size astro-pitch - how are they supposed to represent their school at sport?; The McLaren Leisure centre is a wasted resource - they should provide consistent classes for folk; When will the crazy golf be finished in the Meadows? Euro Disney was built quicker!; Repair the putting green;</p>	<p><b>12 Leisure:</b> Improve and maintain leisure facilities (create an all weather Multi-Use Synthetic Pitch (MUSP) for community use (11x); skate board/bike park (8x), indoor soft play area, ten pin bowling, better pool (5x) so we can dive in it; zip wire on crags, cinema (11x), big slide on swimming pool (and better pool 5x); McDonald's paint ball farm (2x); snooker club; go carting; theme park; dry ski slope; tramp lining club; Indoor Activities Centre for visitors, youth and families; a swing park; I'd like it if there was something more exciting like a ski slope or an ice rink; improved activities for kids when it's raining; a better local park with football pitch and a play park with more equipment; good sport facilities; mountain bike centre; create a mountain bike competition course around Coilhallan Wood; a downhill racecourse from top of Gullipen to Main Road either at Mollands Road or further west; The Meadows park; ice rink all year round; Reduce the number of wet days! If that isn't in the remit then provide environmentally sympathetic activities for visitors and locals for the many wet days.</p>	<p><b>28 Leisure:</b> Improve and maintain leisure facilities; a skate park (3x); big patch to muck about and play on; paint ball farm; cinema; raise money for new leisure facilities - build them and open them; a trampolining and gymnastics facility in the leisure centre; a swing park; places to go to indoors when wet; improve facilities for cyclists; I would be happy if the children's play park was tackled first; a full size astro-turf for the high school (x3); a better park; indoor facilities; reinstate the grass area in the Meadows to an acceptable condition for use of visiting groups as a let off steam/games picnic area;</p>
<p><b>Leisure:</b> the play park at the Meadows and being able to play in the primary school field out of school hours; I love the swing park and the forest. I also love Bracklinn Falls;</p>	<p><b>2 Children/Youth:</b> childcare not available; no afterschool care for youngsters; more clubs for teenagers; no afterschool clubs - I'd love it if there was a gymnastics club! I need to go to Stirling for soft play for kids;</p>	<p><b>8 Tourism and Leisure: Resources -</b> Use Callander's natural resources for business and leisure more extensively (adventure sports, water sports, mountain biking and fishing); better use of the river; Make more of our surroundings: offer activities like guided walks, wildlife watching, education on the environment, even opportunities for visitors to get involved in conservation activities around Callander. BUT control activities that harm the environment e.g. keep mountain bikes on tracks, not open hillsides, take visible action against any level of anti-social behaviour;</p>	<p><b>7 Children and Leisure:</b> more fun for teens and after-school care; more stuff for ages 12-18; sort out childcare provision with regards to welfare and after-school care and provide a facility for children to engage in indoor activities - such as a club for -10 year olds; a children play area for all seasons and for both residents and visitors;</p>
<p><b>Leisure and Education:</b> library</p>	<p><b>4 Community and Leisure:</b> children/youth find it boring here; not much to do; not enough things for younger children to do; <b>Community and Leisure:</b> no social working mens club <b>Community and Leisure:</b> nothing to do when it rains</p>	<p><b>5 Leisure:</b> McLaren High School extension like snooker room, chill-out room, ... A full sized astro-pitch at school <b>1 Leisure:</b> Better links for evening entertainment - cinema and theatre <b>3 Children:</b> Create a supervised play area for children; a swing park; improved play park and camp place with no dog access;</p>	<p><b>2 Leisure:</b> Annual country + western festival <b>1 Leisure:</b> more fun <b>3 Leisure:</b> good run of salmon and sea trout</p>

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	<b>Community and Leisure:</b> revamp the old wooden car + trailer (in camp place park) - the kids love it;	<b>1</b>	<b>Children/Teens:</b> a teen club, more organised events for young people like ceilidhs (x2); do more events in Callander such as running events etc.; more things for kids to do when it's raining; after-school childcare;	<b>6</b>
			<b>Leisure:</b> good run of salmon and sea trout	<b>1</b>

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<b>Health</b>					
<b>Health:</b> Friendly and efficient medical centre, an optician and a dental practice, excellent doctors in two practices; Access to GP and dentist; The medical practices - a beautiful building with lots of parking - they try very hard to get you seen asap; excellent physiotherapist;	<b>11</b>	<b>Health:</b> now further away from main hospital	<b>1</b>	<b>Health:</b> Put health and well-being high up the agenda	<b>1</b>
				<b>Health:</b> a hospital for Callander	<b>1</b>

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<b>Education</b>					
<b>Education:</b> Excellent schools, the setting for the school is fantastic; I like the school; The schools both encourage the youngsters to be more self confident and there is certainly a lot of musical talent resulting from enthusiastic teachers/helpers; good HS; the school is close and I don't have to get a bus to school; excellent school	<b>15</b>	<b>Education:</b> the primary school is in bad disrepair with a whole floor disused due to bad condition;	<b>1</b>	<b>Education:</b> Primary School - top floor refurbished, extra space created in school building used for nursery and out of hours school care, playing field hedged off; good schools;	<b>2</b>
		<b>Education:</b> the school hours are too long - school should end at 2:00	<b>1</b>	<b>Education:</b> It would be good to have further education in Callander;	<b>1</b>

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<b>Safety, Traffic, Lighting, Police</b>			
<p><b>Safety:</b> excellent police service; I like that I can play safely 7 outside my house; relatively free from crime;</p>	<p><b>Safety and Traffic:</b> Too many cars; traffic on bank 15 holidays; amount of heavy traffic; speeding motorists - unsafe to cross the road; traffic/ poor traffic management; too many large heavy lorries coming through town; Traffic through Callander can get heavy and in time we might need a by-pass; Cars too fast coming into town. It is scary cycling or walking with small children on the tiny and exposed pavement, opposite the garage, with lorries hurtling past;</p>	<p><b>Traffic:</b> release Callander residents from commercial and 3 through fare traffic; less heavy traffic;</p>	<p><b>Safety and Traffic:</b> follow up with the council what action 2 they are going to take to ensure Bellway construct roundabout and provide a pathway through development; exploding speed bumps - one day a child is going to come to grief with the speed cars come in to Callander;</p>
	<p><b>Traffic:</b> Traffic Warden - could do with 2, preferably of a 1 cheery disposition; the present one never seems to be where needed, especially on a weekend;</p>	<p><b>Safety and Traffic:</b> cars need to slow down when going 2 through town; ensure that the Forest Walk development by Bellway constructs a roundabout at the exit to their development as promised to slow down traffic;</p>	<p><b>Safety and Infrastructure:</b> Snowploughs to roads and 3 pavements; improve pavements and paths for safety;</p>
	<p><b>Safety:</b> Cycle routes and paths for kids to school not safe 4 enough; no bike lanes on the road (2x)</p>	<p><b>Safety:</b> hedge off school playing field</p>	<p><b>Safety:</b> put bobbies back on the beat - not in the Police 2 Station; constables on foot every day - 'see and be seen';</p>
	<p><b>Safety:</b> primary school playing fields open to public during 1 school hours;</p>		
	<p><b>Safety:</b> better lighting on the streets and the footbridge; 3 no lighting on bridge, south Church Street lighting</p>		
	<p><b>Safety:</b> make the police station more visible - people 2 cannot find it;</p>		
	<p><b>Safety:</b> snow and ice in the winter 2</p>		

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<b>Sustainability</b>			
	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> new houses being built with gas central heating instead of heating from renewable energy sources;</p>	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> a holistic approach to reducing carbon emissions, creating a sustainable community; resilient local community with renewable energy, well insulated homes, local food production, great transport links - no waste of energy and resources; more environmental focus; I would build eco friendly houses and help everything in Callander to become greener and more reliable on renewable energy; I really hope that in 40 years time some of the vision statements from Callander and Climate Change document will be evident and not gathering dust on a shelf; Respect for the environment from locals and visitors - no litter, no vandalism and positive actions to preserve what we have,;</p>	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> action to make Callander a self-sustaining community; help Callander become greener</p>
	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> shops that have their doors open in cold weather</p>	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> open recycling centre during the day - 5pm at night is too late after a heavy day working into he garden;</p> <p><b>Sustainability:</b> no new housing on greenfield sites until brownfield are full. Planning permission for all housing developments to be dependant on conservation of local wildlife habitats, either to retain or replace.</p>	<p><b>Sustainability:</b> open up the recycling centre for longer hours</p> <p><b>Sustainability:</b> provide more environmental awareness activities that make the most of the location e.g. walks, wildlife watching - led by the NP?</p>

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<b>Climate: Weather and Flooding</b>			
<p><b>Weather:</b> great Scottish weather; great weather; the cold is a dry cold that you can wrap up against and keep warm - not like being near the sea;</p>	<p><b>Weather:</b> lack of sunshine and the rain! The weather! Rain and midges; the rain; I think it rains too much and it is too hilly; weather and darkness; rain, rain, flooding and more rain; we probably get more rain than anywhere in Scotland!</p>	<p><b>Weather:</b> provide better weather, make it sunny; have 12 hours daylight all year round and a warm and sunny climate; Reduce the number of wet days! If that isn't in the remit then provide environmentally sympathetic activities for visitors and locals for the many wet days.</p>	
	<p><b>Flooding:</b> I am very worried about flood risk. I live alone next to the river; can it not be better controlled using the reservoirs and better design of the choke points? The local park has a long standing water problem which has been reported but nothing done about it;</p>	<p><b>Flooding:</b> improve flood protection; sort out the flooding once and for all; manage flood risk; allow the natural flood-plains to be planted and allow natural absorption for slow release; The Meadows and the football pitch always flood at the moment;</p>	<p><b>Flooding:</b> improve flood protection; sort out the flooding once and for all; manage flood risk;</p>

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<b>Religion</b>			
<b>Religion:</b> the church community; three churches - one for anyone who is at all interested in religion, either practising or curious to learn more. 5	<b>Religion:</b> the gradual falling off of church attendances; few young people at church; the local Church of Scotland no longer runs a Sunday school for children. 2		

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<b>Lifestyle and Other</b>			
Home 1	<b>Investment:</b> money wasted on consultations and expensive consultants that go with them - like this! 1	Make sure that all the good ideas come to something. 1	
<b>Everything</b> - I love it here! 2		<b>A wish:</b> a unicorn 1	
<b>Way of Life:</b> living AND working in Callander; non pressurized way of life; 2		<b>A wish:</b> a cinema and a sweetie shop to myself 1	

